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Application of: Peterson et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 10, 1999, be extended for a period of three months from November 10, 1999 to and including February 10, 2000.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$435.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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